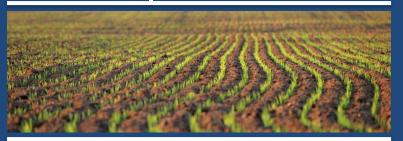






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Agriculture in the Kansas Economy

- Includes traditional economic contributions from beef cattle ranching, wheat, corn, sorghum, soybeans and dairy.
- Also includes food processing, pet food, landscape and horticultural services, farm machinery manufacturing, and more.



- Critical Infrastructure
- Agriculture contributes to the workforce 245,539 jobs, or 12.7% of the workforce



Coronavirus Aid Relief & Economic Security Act

County has the unique position to positively and directly impact local economy through

- Strategic local infrastructure investment
- Direct support to local business
- Enhance quality of life
- Expand market access





County Office Suggestions

Conservation & Watershed

Districts: Laptops, virtual meeting equipment (OWLs), projection equipment and screens, PPE

County Extension Office: virtual meeting equipment for remote programing, PPE



Noxious Weed Department: UAV with remote sensing, laptop & weed recognition software, PPE



Agri-Business Support

- Food & meat processing facilities
 - Grants for expansion of cold storage
 - Employee training & education
 - PPE
- Direct-to-Consumer Producer funding
 - Greenhouse expansion
 - Technology updates
 - PPE
- Direct-to-Consumer markets
 - Farmer's Market infrastructure
 - Locally owned grocery funding
 - Restaurant funding for online access
 - Online portal/sales funding
 - PPE
- Agri-Tourism Support
 - Marketing/Advertising funds





Animal Facilities

- Livestock Auction Markets
 - High Frequency ear tag readers
 - Employee training & funding
 - PPE & safety infrastructure
- Small Animal Shelters
 - Increased funding for elevated needs
 - Equipment for online access
 - PPE
- Animal Operations (boarding facilities, feedyards, dairies)
 - Access to PPE
 - Continuing Operation Planning/Training





Other Suggestions

Childcare Facilities/After school programing

- Training, new employee expenses (background check fees)
- Assistance for essential employees with childcare
- Increased cleaning needs
- PPE

Broadband

- Resident grants for "last mile" coverage
- Provider dig-ready projects
- Service booster equipment businesses & residents

Community Events

- PPE
- Infrastructure modifications
- Handwashing stations
- Cleaning fund grants















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